

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-2 (cancelled).

3 (currently amended). The apparatus of claim 2 22, wherein the mandrel comprises a

common arbor with a removable outer shell, the outer shell diameter

chosen in accordance with the size of the media sleeve in use.

4 (currently amended). The apparatus of claim 4 19, wherein the headstock is fixed and the imaging engine has a moveable tailstock and the media carrier is axially located in the imaging position by a the fixed headstock on one side and a the moveable tailstock on the other.

5 (original). The apparatus of claim 4, wherein the transport mechanism comprises at least one holder for engaging the media carrier in the imaging position, the holder capable of moving in an axial direction to disengage the media carrier from the headstock.

6 (original). The apparatus of claim 5, wherein the holder comprises a base with at least one compliant protrusion attached thereto, the compliant protrusion for engaging the media carrier.

7 (original). The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the at least one compliant protrusion comprises a plurality of rubber rollers.

8 (original). The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the base is adapted to allow the protrusion to be positioned to accommodate different media carriers.

9 (original). The apparatus of claim 5, wherein the holder is slideably located on a track for movement in an axial direction.

10 (original). The apparatus of claim 5, wherein the transport mechanism comprises a pair of tracks for guiding the holder between the storage position and the imaging position.

11 (original). The apparatus of claim 10, wherein the transport mechanism comprises at least one leadscrew and at least one leadscrew nut for moving the holder between the storage position and the imaging position.

12 (currently amended). The apparatus of claim + 19, wherein the ~~storage position~~ imaging engine is adapted to store a plurality of unused media carriers in the storage position.

13 (currently amended). The apparatus of claim + 19, wherein the ~~apparatus~~ imaging engine is adapted to store an unused media carrier in the storage position while an imaging media on another media carrier is being imaged in the imaging position.

14 - 18 (cancelled).

19 (new). An imaging apparatus for use with printing precursor media, the apparatus comprising:

a frame configured to provide a path between an imaging position and a storage position in said frame;

a media carrier capable of holding the printing precursor media, said media carrier being disposable in said imaging position and in said storage position;

a headstock engaging said media carrier in said imaging position, said headstock being capable of rotating said media carrier in said imaging position;

an imaging head operative to form an image on said media, when said media carrier is in said imaging position and holds said media;

a transport mechanism capable of moving said media carrier along said path, between said imaging position and said storage position.

20 (new). The apparatus of claim 19 wherein said media is loadable on said media carrier and unloadable from said media carrier when said media carrier is in said imaging position.

21 (new). The apparatus of claim 20 wherein said media carrier is a cylindrical drum for loading flat media.

22 (new). The apparatus of claim 20 wherein said media carrier is a mandrel for loading a media sleeve.

23 (new). The apparatus of claim 20 wherein said media is loadable on said media carrier when said media carrier is in said storage position.

24 (new). The apparatus of claim 19 wherein said media is loadable on said media carrier when said media carrier is in said storage position.

25 (new). An imaging apparatus for use with both flat and sleeve printing precursor media, the apparatus comprising:

a frame configured to provide a path between an imaging position and a storage position in said frame;

first and second media carriers, said first media carrier being a cylindrical drum capable of loading the flat media, said drum being disposed in said storage position, said second media carrier being a mandrel capable of loading the sleeve media, said mandrel being removably disposed in said imaging position;

an imaging head operative to form an image on said media, when the respective said media carrier is in said imaging position and holds said media;

a transport mechanism capable of moving said drum along said path between said storage position and said imaging position.

26 (new). The apparatus of claim 25 wherein the media are loadable on and unloadable from the respective said media carrier in said imaging position.

27 (new). The apparatus of claim 25, wherein the mandrel comprises a common arbor with a removable outer shell, the outer shell diameter chosen in accordance with the size of the media sleeve in use.